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## **RE: Leaside Traffic Management Plan and Speed Limit Reduction**

Dear Chair and Colleagues,

The Leaside neighbourhood refers to the area bounded as follows: in the north, by Glenvale Boulevard/Killdeer Crescent/Rykert Crescent, between Bayview Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East. In the east, by Eglinton Avenue East, between the West Don River and Laird Drive and by Laird Drive, between Eglinton Avenue East and the CPR line. In the south, by the CPR line, between Laird Drive and Bayview Avenue and by Bayview Avenue, between the CPR line and Bayview Heights Drive. In the west, by Bayview Avenue, between Bayview Heights Drive and Glenvale Boulevard.

This neighbourhood is primarily comprised of local and collector roads, and several of its boundaries are major arterial roads. The land use is mainly residential, with several parks and more than five schools.

Partially due to the growing popularity of GPS Navigation Applications like Waze, this neighbourhood has experienced a significant increase in cut-through traffic, with drivers often operating at very high speeds.

The neighbourhood's primary concerns are cut-through traffic, speed, volume, infiltration, lack of compliance with posted signage, and congestion. I have consulted with the Leaside Property Owners' Association who have asked me to move forward with a Traffic Management Plan that will allow Transportation staff to identify long-term, comprehensive solutions to these issues in consultation with the community.

Within the Traffic Management Plan, staff should consider both traffic control and traffic calming measures including all-way stop locations, turn restrictions, speed humps, and other options that will address vehicle speed, volume, congestion, and traffic infiltration issues.

To consult the community, staff should attend public meetings coordinated through the Councillor's office and local residents' association.

When a Traffic Management Plan has been agreed upon, the findings will be reported to North York Community Council for approval.

At the time of writing, more than 1,500 Leaside residents have also signed a petition calling for a speed limit reduction throughout their neighbourhood. As you know, speed limit reductions are

one of our most effective tools to improve road safety. All of our data suggests that excessive speeds are a leading contributing factor in serious injuries and fatalities on our roads.

A collision at 60 km/h has a 95% likelihood of death compared to one at 40 km/h with a 30% likelihood of death. At 30 km/h, that likelihood is all but eliminated.

In August 2014, former Councillor Parker moved a motion (NY34.103) directing Transportation staff to report back on the feasibility of implementing a 30km/h speed limit throughout Leaside. Staff have confirmed that no follow up report was ever issued.

There is TTC service on several streets in the neighbourhood.

## **Recommendations:**

That North York Community Council:

- 1. Direct Transportation Services to work with the Leaside community to evaluate their traffic concerns and develop a Traffic Management Plan.
- 2. Reduce the speed limit to 30 km/h on the streets or segments of streets identified in Attachment 1.

Warm regards,

Jaye Robinson City Councillor Ward 15 – Don Valley West

## Attachment 1 – 30 km/h Speed Limits to be Enacted

- 1. Aerodrome Crescent between Vanderhoof Avenue (west intersection) and Vanderhoof Avenue (east intersection);
- 2. Airdrie Road between Bayview Avenue and Crofton Road;
- 3. Annesley Avenue between Bessborough Drive and Hanna Road;
- 4. Astor Avenue between Southvale Drive and Sutherland Drive;
- 5. Beaufield Avenue between Broadway Avenue and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 6. Berney Crescent between St. Cuthberts Road and the north end of Berney Crescent;
- 7. Bessborough Drive between Moore Avenue and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 8. Brentcliffe Road between Broadway Avenue and the north end of Broadway Avenue;
- 9. Brian Peck Crescent between Aerodrome Crescent and Vanderhoof Avenue;
- 10. Burkebrook Place between Kilgour Road and the north end of Burkebrook Place;
- 11. Cameron Crescent between Donegall Drive and the north end of Cameron Crescent;
- 12. Craig Crescent between Bayview Avenue and Bessborough Drive;
- 13. Crandall Road between Hanna Road and McRae Drive;
- 14. Crofton Road between Rumsey Road and Sutherland Drive;
- 15. Divadale Drive between Sutherland Drive and Brentcliffe Road;
- 16. Divadale Drive between Bessborough Drive and Rumsey Road;
- 17. Don Avon Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Brentcliffe Road;
- 18. Donegall Drive between Millwood Road and Fleming Crescent (north intersection);
- 19. Donlea Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Brentcliffe Road;
- 20. Fairland Road between Laird Drive and Brentcliffe Road;
- 21. Field Avenue between MacNaughton Road and McRae Drive;
- 22. Fleming Crescent between Bayview Avenue and Donegall Drive (north intersection);
- 23. Glassworks Drive between Eglinton Avenue East and Vanderhoof Avenue;
- 24. Glenbrae Avenue between Broadway Avenue and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 25. Glenvale Boulevard between Laird Drive and Brentcliffe Road;
- 26. Hanna Road between Leacrest Road and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 27. Heath Road between Rumsey Road and Airdrie Road;
- 28. Heather Road between Airdrie Avenue and McRae Drive;
- 29. Kenrae Road between Randolph Road and Laird Drive;
- 30. Kilgour Road between Bayview Avenue and the east end of Kilgour Road;
- 31. Killdeer Crescent between Brentcliffe Road (south intersection) and Brentcliffe Road (north intersection);

- 32. Laird Drive between Glenvale Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue East;
- 33. Lea Avenue between Airdrie Road and Laird Drive
- 34. Leacrest Road between Bessborough Drive and the east end of Leacrest Road;
- 35. Leadale Avenue between the south end of Leadale Avenue and Sutherland Drive;
- 36. MacNaughton Road between Millwood Road and Cameron Crescent;
- 37. Malcolm Road between Millwood Road and Randolph Road;
- 38. Mallory Crescent between Moore Avenue and Southvale Drive;
- 39. McRae Drive between Bayview Avenue and Laird Drive;
- 40. Millwood Road between Bayview Avenue and Southvale Drive;
- 41. Parkhurst Boulevard between Bayview Avenue and Laird Drive;
- 42. Parklea Drive between the west end of Parklea Drive and Laird Drive;
- 43. Randolph Road between Hanna Road and Parkhurst Boulevard;
- 44. Research Road between Brentcliffe Road and Vanderhoof Avenue;
- 45. Richlea Circle between Rykert Crescent;
- 46. Rolland Road between Bessborough Drive and Hanna Road;
- 47. Rolph Road between Leacrest Road and Rumsey Road;
- 48. Roxville Avenue between Annesley Avenue and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 49. Rumsey Road between Bessborough Drive and the north end of Rumsey Road;
- 50. Rutherglen Road between Southvale Drive and Randolph Road;
- 51. Rykert Crescent between Broadway Avenue and the east end of Rykert Crescent;
- 52. Sharron Drive between Cameron Crescent and Rumsey Road;
- 53. Southlea Avenue between Moore Avenue and Sutherland Drive;
- 54. Southvale Drive from Mallory Crescent to Millwood Road;
- 55. St. Cuthberts Road between Bayview Avenue and Bessborough Drive;
- 56. Stickney Avenue between Airdrie Road and Laird Drive;
- 57. Sutherland Drive between Bayview Avenue and the north end of Sutherland Drive;
- 58. Tanager Avenue between Broadway Avenue and Glenvale Boulevard;
- 59. Thomas Elgie Drive between Aerodrome Crescent and Vanderhoof Avenue;
- 60. Thursfield Crescent between Brentcliffe Road and Rykert Crescent;
- 61. Vanderhoof Avenue between Rumsey Road and Leslie Street; and
- 62. Winsloe Avenue between Divadale Drive and Broadway Avenue.